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TO SENATOR PAULA HAWKINS

1. HERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF LETTER FROM UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GIUSEPPE DI GENNARO TO SENATOR PALLA PHINESENS REGARDING THE INVITATION SENATOR HAWKINS EXTENDED TO HIM.

BEGIN TEXT

3 DECEMBER 1984

DEAR SENATOR HAWKINS,
- THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND LETTER

OF 8 NOVEMBER 1984 IN WHICH YOU INVITE ME TO SPEAK AT THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE CONFERENCE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL WHICH YOU ARE SPONSORING ON 31 JANUARY AND 1 FEBRUARY 1985. BECAUSE OF MY ATTENDANCE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK AND ALSO AT THE POMPIDOU GROUP MEETING IN STRASBOURG, I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RESPOND SOONER. I REGRET THAT I CANNOT GIVE YOU A POSITIVE RESPONSE REGARDING MY ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE. THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS WILL BE HELD IN VIENNA IN FEBRUARY. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL THAT UNFDAC MUST DO TO PREPARE FOR THIS IMPORTANT MEETING AND, CONSIDERING OUR VERY SMALL STAFF, WE ALL WILL BE DEEPLY INVOLVED. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TRAVEL TIME THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED, IT IS, THEREFORE, HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT I CAN ABSENT MYSELF FROM VIENNA FOR THE CONFERENCE. SHOULD IT LATER APPEAR THAT I CAN GET AWAY, I WILL, OF COURSE, CABLE YOU. HOWEVER, AS THINGS STAND, NEITHER I NOR UNFDAC STAFF WILL BE TRAVELLING AT THAT TIME. SENATOR HAWKINS, I DO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLIMENT YOU ON TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO BRING TOGETHER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE NATIONS TO DISCUSS THIS MOST URGENT PROBLEM. YOU HAVE MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEETING, THE PROCEEDINGS OF WHICH I WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE.

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